



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

9:00 A.M.

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROOM 450**

AGENDA

Call to Order -- Roll Call – Council Members Lea and Rosen arrived late.

Welcome. Mayor David A. Bowers.

NOTICE

This morning meeting and briefings will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursday, September 10 immediately following the 2:00 p.m. session at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed by Internet through Rev.Net Technologies, Inc., at <http://www.wrev.net>. Council Meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A communication from Mayor David A. Bowers requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. A list of current vacancies is included with the agenda for this meeting.

(5-0)

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA. NONE.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. NONE.

BRIEFINGS:

- Police Body Camera Demonstration - 45 minutes

Council Member Lea arrived at the meeting (9:05 a.m.) at the beginning of the presentation regarding the history of the body cameras.

Council Member Rosen arrived at the meeting (9:44 a.m.) during the Phase III portion of the briefing.

AT 10:32 A.M., THE MAYOR DECLARED THE INFORMAL SESSION OF COUNCIL IN RECESS FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, WITH COUNCIL MEMBER RAY E. FERRIS, CHAIR, PRESIDING.

AT 12:04 P.M., THE INFORMAL SESSION OF COUNCIL RECONVENED, WITH MAYOR BOWERS PRESIDING.

- Transportation Projects - 30 minutes

AT 12:35 P.M., THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING IN RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M., FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Rosen was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Alex L. Richardson, Pastor, Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor David A. Bowers.

Mayor Bowers called for a Moment of Silence in memory of Alison Parker and Adam Ward, WDBJ 7 news anchors.

Welcome. Mayor Bowers.

NOTICE:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV, CLICK ON THE GOVERNMENT ICON.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR DISABLED PERSONS ADDRESSING CITY COUNCIL. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE ADAPTATIONS OR ACCOMMODATIONS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, PROVIDED THAT REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE MONDAY COUNCIL MEETING, OR REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. ONCE THE COUNCIL MEETING HAS CONVENED, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER REGISTRATION OF SPEAKERS, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH; HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL-APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CURRENT VACANCIES AND/OR UPCOMING EXPIRATIONS OF TERMS OF OFFICE:

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD – ONE VACANCY
FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2019

**BUILDING AND FIRE CODE OF APPEALS/AT-LARGE – TWO VACANCIES
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2016
THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD – THREE VACANCIES
(TWO) UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2016 AND
NOVEMBER 30, 2018
THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2018**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING MARCH 31, 2016**

**TOWING ADVISORY BOARD – THREE VACANCIES
THREE-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2018**

**THE CITY OF ROANOKE ALSO IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE
2015 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR. TO OBTAIN A NOMINATION FORM, CONTACT
THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (540) 853-2541 OR ACCESS THE FORM AT
EACH CITY LIBRARY BRANCH. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF
NOMINATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.**

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 - 23, 2015 as Constitution Week.

The Mayor presented a ceremonial copy of the Proclamation to Betty Lesko, Regent, Nancy Christian Fleming Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Recognition of the Gainsboro History Walk Interpretive Panel Project on receiving the 2015 Grassroots Planning Award from the American Planning Association of Virginia.

The Mayor presented the award to Evelyn Sloan, Planner, Hills Studio.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

**CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE
HEARD. ALL MATTERS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR
RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL, AS HE MAY
DEEM APPROPRIATE.**

Robert Gravely appeared before the Council.

4.

CONSENT AGENDA
(APPROVED 6-0, as amended)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. The Mayor called attention to two requests for public hearing from the City Manager.

- C-1 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, September 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider the sale of approximately 3.65 acres of City-owned property to Property Catalyst Group, Inc., located at 502 19th Street, S. E., designated as Official Tax Map No. 4310101, being a portion of Fallon Park.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, September 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to enter into a Management Services Agreement and Lease with the Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. for the lease conveyance of City-owned property located at 709 South Jefferson Street, S. W.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-3 Annual report of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

- C-4 A communication from Michael R. Bloomberg, former Mayor of New York, advising of the Compact of Mayors, a global platform where cities can publicly register current or new climate commitments using one common standard.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

C-5 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Lindwood “Woody” Deans as member the Roanoke Civic Center Commission for a three-year term of office ending September 30, 2018;

Rachel H. Wheaton as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Shawna A. Battle ending June 30, 2017;

Mark Lawrence as a City representative of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2019;

Charles J. Meidlinger as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2018; and

Braxton G. Naff as a Director of the Economic Development Authority for a four-year term of office commencing October 21, 2015 and ending October 20, 2019.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Receive public comment on the City’s Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation report (CAPER) for its Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funded Programs.
No speakers appeared to be heard regarding the matter.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Feed and Read Program - 10 minutes
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to support Fire-EMS emergency management.
Adopted Resolution No. 40330-080915 (6-0).
2. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Award of Primary Extension funds; and execution of the Project Administration Agreement.
Adopted Resolution No. 40331-090815 and Budget Ordinance No. 40332-090815 (6-0).
3. Appropriation of additional street maintenance funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to address sidewalk maintenance needs in various locations around the City.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 40333-090815 (6-0).
4. Acceptance of funds from South Commonwealth Partners, LLC, for a sealed trash compactor adjacent to the Market Garage.
Adopted Resolution No. 40334-090815 and Budget Ordinance No. 40335-090815 (6-0).
5. Amendment of the City Code to support implementation of the Single-Stream Recycling Program.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40336-090815 (6-0).
6. Acquisition of real property rights for Cove Road/Dansbury Drive Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40337-090815 (6-0).
7. Authorization to convey to the Roanoke Gas Company a gas line easement across City-owned property known as Official Tax Map No. 4015003, in order to supply service to the new Hampton Inn and Suites located at 25 Church Avenue, S. E.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40338-090815 (6-0).

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared the following comments:

Update on current and proposed renovations at the Raleigh Court, Williamson Road and Melrose Libraries.

Henry Street Heritage and Cultural Festival, Saturday, September 19 in Elmwood Park.

Greek Festival on Friday, September 18 – Sunday, September 20 at St. Elias Church.

The Wall that Heals, Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, Wednesday, September 16 – Sunday, September 20, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1970 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. A resolution reappointing Linda D. Frith as a Director of the Economic Development Authority.
Adopted Resolution No. 40339-090815 (6-0).

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0).

12. ADJOURNED - 3:10 P.M.